

Remarks/Arguments:

This is a reply to the office action of September 1.

Amendments to the claims

Claims 33 and 34 are deleted without prejudice.

Claims 41 and 42 are deleted without prejudice.

Claims 35 and 43 have been redrafted as independent claims. Basis for the amendments can be found in the original dependent claims as well as at para. [0018] of the application. Basis for the new independent claims 53 and 55 is found in the originally filed claims 35 and 43, as well as at the first sentences of paragraphs [0006] to [0011] relating to the method and [0022] to [0029] relating to the device.

Claim 52 has been amended to depend from new independent claim 43.

New independent claim 53 recites a method of operating a plasma generating device for treatment of a gaseous medium.

New dependent claim 54 depends from claim 53.

New independent claim 55 recites a plasma generating device for treatment of a gaseous medium.

35 USC paragraph 102 and 103 rejections

New independent claims 35, 43, 53 and 55 contain the limitations of old claims 35 and 43 (see above), which the examiner found to contain allowable subject matter. We submit that incorporation of all the features of the former independent claims 33 and 41 is not necessary to distinguish this invention from the prior art. All the necessary features for carrying out the invention are present in the newly drafted independent claims. The limitations previously in claim 33 are presented in claims 39 and 40. Dependent claim 52 contains similar limitations.

The present invention provides an improved method and apparatus for decontaminating ambient air, as described at paragraph [0018] of the description.

None of the cited document teaches or suggests a method for operating a plasma generating device according to said claims.

We believe the claims now presented are patentable over the prior art of record, and that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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